

**AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS:**

The attached drawings include changes to Figs. 2-5 and replace the original sheets, inclusive of Figs. 2-5.

FIG. 2 – insert references d, D, 5a, 5b

FIG. 3 – insert references d, D

FIG. 4 – insert references d, D

FIG. 5—insert references d, D

Attachment: Replacement Sheets (Figs. 2-5)

## REMARKS

Claim 1 has been amended to recite that the first transverse portions of the first filament 5a, together with respective transverse portions of the second filament 5b define groups 10 that are spaced circumferentially apart, wherein the first and second transverse portions extend parallel to one another along a distance within a region bordered by the center meridian A-A and an equator C-C of the tire. The circumferential spacing D between the parallel transverse portions of adjacent groups is different from the circumferential spacing d between the parallel transverse portions within each group. The distance D can be greater or less than d, as explained on page 11, lines 19-21 and on page 12, lines 16-22 of the specification. The provision of such spacing enables the parallel relationship to occur in the case of a carcass reinforcement comprised of filaments that one turned in a U-shaped manner at the beads in order to form multiple transverse portions extending from bead to bead, as explained beginning on page 12, line 3.

Such differential circumferential spacing is not disclosed or taught by the prior art patents of record. Applicant has previously contended that the disclosures of those patents would not lead to the production of tires having the claimed parallelism. Now, however, the claims further recite structure enabling the parallelism to be achieved, i.e., the differential circumferential spacing D, d.

The prior art previously applied against the claims discloses equidistant spacing between filaments.

Figs. 2-5 have been amended to provide antecedent basis for the reference numbers/letters 5a, 5b, D and d that have been added to the description.


In light of the above amendments and comments, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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